

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

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of Fish and Game

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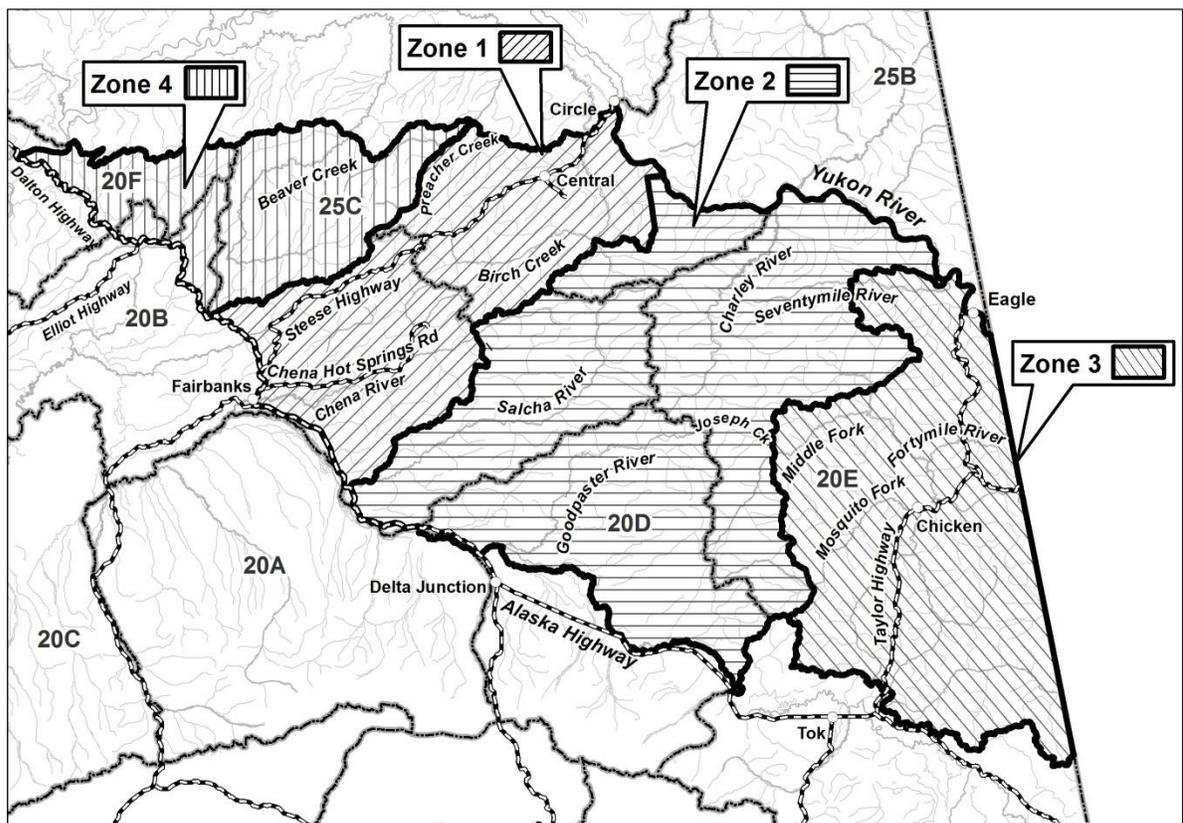
Effective Date: 11:59 P.M.
November 9, 2017

Expiration Date: June 30, 2018
unless superseded by subsequent
Emergency order

EXPLANATION:

The State registration permit hunt for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order opens RC857, a 3-day hunt in Zone 3 of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area, located in portions of Game Management Unit 20E.

No other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 20 are affected by this emergency order.



REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, is superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 20(E), that portion within the Charley River drainage, the Seventymile River drainage upstream from and including the Granite Creek drainage, the North Fork Fortymile River drainage upstream from, but not including the Champion Creek drainage, the Middle Fork Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage, the Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Wolf Creek drainage, and the drainages flowing into the Yukon River downstream from the confluence of the Seventymile and Yukon Rivers.

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only,	Aug. 10–Sept. 30
1 caribou by registration permit only	Dec. 1–Mar. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Sept. 20
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Remainder of Unit 20(E)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or	Aug. 10–Aug. 21
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1 bull by registration permit only, or	Aug. 29–Sept. 30
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1 caribou by registration permit only; or	Nov. 11–13
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1 caribou by registration permit only; or	Dec. 1–Mar. 31
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1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 29–Sept. 20
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JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan (harvest plan) as a means of guiding harvest of the herd from 2012 through 2018. The annual harvest quota is allocated seasonally: 75% to the fall hunt and 25%, plus any surplus from the fall quota, to the winter hunt. The winter quota is divided between the 2 road-accessible portions of the hunt area, the Steese Highway–Chena Hot Springs area in Units 20B and 25C (zone 1) and the Taylor Highway area in Unit 20E (zone 3). Sixty percent of the harvest quota is allocated to the road-accessible zone with the most caribou within reach of hunters immediately prior to the season opening.

The harvest plan recommends opening a 1- to 3-day season, prior to the Dec. 1 opening of the winter hunt in years when there is 1) insufficient opportunity during the fall season to harvest caribou in zone 3, and 2) caribou are present in the zone during late October or November. During the fall 2017 season, residents hunters only harvested 91 caribou in zone 3 and caribou are currently moving through the zone; therefore, both criteria have been met to justify opening a 3-day season in zone 3 to provide opportunity to hunt caribou prior to the winter hunt opening on December 1.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: 

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